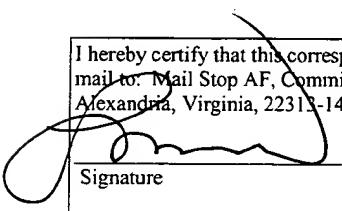


REMARKS

The above requested changes in the specification are grammatical changes only. The change to the figure is to correct a typographical error. No new subject matter has been added by this amendment.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (925) 621-2113 with any questions regarding this Rule §1.312 amendment.

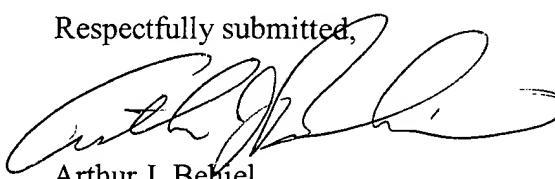
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IN THE FIGURES

Please amend Figure 3 as indicated in red ink on the attached "annotated" sheet. Also attached please find the requisite replacement sheet. No new matter is added.



Annotated Sheet (Mark-up copy)

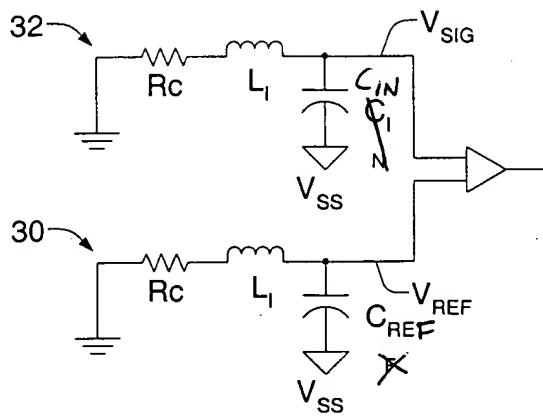


Fig. 3
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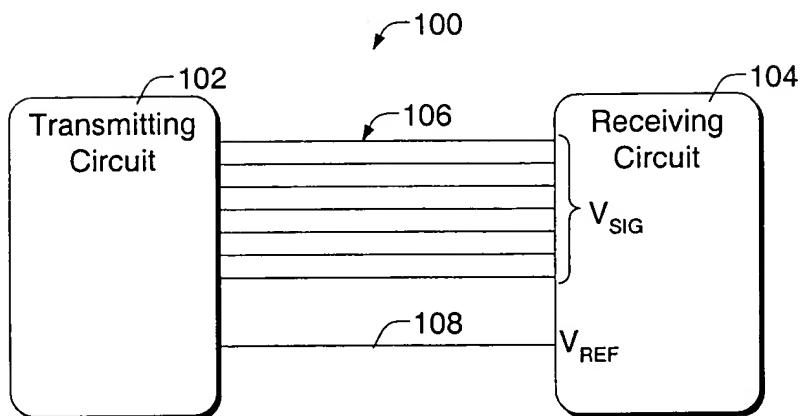


Fig. 4